

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

STEELCASE INC., a Michigan  
corporation,

Plaintiff,

v.

HARBIN'S, INC., an Alabama  
corporation, MICHAEL G. HARBIN,  
and HOPE D. HARBIN PATTERSON,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:04CV0026

Honorable Robert Holmes Bell  
Chief, U.S. District Judge

**PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO HOLD IN ABEYANCE**  
**DEFENDANT MICHAEL G. HARBIN'S MOTION**  
**FOR CHANGE OF VENUE, OR ALTERNATIVELY,**  
**TO ADJOURN THE TRIAL AND SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**

Plaintiff, Steelcase Inc., by and through its attorneys, Miller, Johnson, Snell & Cummiskey, P.L.C., moves for the following relief:

1. Hold in abeyance Defendant Michael G. Harbin's Motion for Change of Venue, Or Alternatively, to Adjourn the Trial and Settlement Conference (Docket No. 124) until the Court has ruled on (a) the Motion for Partial Summary Judgment of plaintiff Steelcase Inc. (Docket No. 119) concerning the personal guaranties and (b) Defendant Michael G. Harbin's Motion for Summary Judgment (Docket No. 114) on both the personal guaranties and the claim of piercing the corporate veil.

2. Extend the time within which plaintiff Steelcase Inc. may respond to Defendant Michael G. Harbin's Motion for Change of Venue, Or Alternatively, to Adjourn the Trial and Settlement Conference (Docket No. 124) until fourteen (14) days after the Court has ruled on the parties' motions for summary judgment or alternatively, has denied the present motion.

Pursuant to local rule 7.1(d), plaintiff's counsel conferred with counsel for defendant Michael G. Harbin by telephone conferences on May 5 and May 9, 2005. Defendant's counsel does not object to plaintiff's present motion, except as it pertains to adjourning the Settlement Conference.

This motion is supported by the pleadings and papers on file herein and by the accompanying brief in support.

Respectfully submitted,

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